for recovery of outstanding dues of defaulting units including defaulting tea companies is a continuous process. It is the constant endeavour of the recovery machinery of ESI Corporation to fully recover the outstanding dues from the defaulting units as per the provisions of Section 45-C to 45-I of ESI Act. However, in some cases where the defaulting employers approach the Court of Law challenging the recovery proceedings, recovery is not possible immediately.

Cardiology Superspeciality Wing at Asramam, Kerala

2306. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the MINISTER OF LABOUR be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Queston 261 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st August, 2002 and state:

(a) whether the plan to set up a separate Cardiology (Non-invasive) Wing, Superspeciality Department at Asramam, Kollam in Kerala has been finalised in consultation with the Central Public Works Department; and

(b) if so, by when this Superspeciality Wing would be functional?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Cardiology (non-invasive) Wing of Model Hospital, Asramam, is expected to be made functional after completion of the construction by the year 2005.

Trade unions opposition to labour reforms

2307. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the MINISTER OF LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that trade union leaders are opposed to labour reforms and disinvestment policy;

(b) whether it is also a fact that according to them retrenchment is going on in the Modern Foods and BALCO and disinvestment in both these units has not been successful;

(c) if so, what is Government's assessment; and

(d) what concrete steps are being taken against the new management of both the companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) The trade union leaders have time and again raised the issue of adverse impact of labour reforms and the disinvestment policy on workers.

(b) to (d) During the meeting of the Hon'ble Prime Minister with Central Trade Unions on 18th October, 2002, some of the trade union leaders had raised the issue of retrenchment in BALCO and Modern Foods. In view of this, a team of officials is proposed to be sent to these two companies to assess the impact of disinvestment on labour.

Administrative officials for Uttaranchal

†2308. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Uttaranchal and Uttar Pradesh have differences over division of personnel;

(b) if so, the number of IAS, IPS, PCS and PPS Officers sought to be included in the State cadre by Uttaranchal;

(c) whether the State's demand has been accepted; and

(d) if not, the number of officers who have been included in the above cadres in newly created State and to what extent the number of officers is less than that of demand, cadre-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (d) Section 72 and 73 of the Uttar Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2000 provide for bifurcation of the All India Services and the State Services respectively between the States of Uttar Pradesh and of Uttaranchal. Section 76 of the said Act provides for establishing one or more Advisory Committees to assist the Government for this purpose. Accordingly, based on the recommendation of U.C. Agarwal Committee, the authorized strength of IAS and IPS cadres of Uttaranchal was determined as Sixty-Eight and Forty-two respectively. Against this, Seventy-two IAS officers and Forty-two IPS officers have been allocated to Uttaranchal and notified on 8th November, 2000. Further, 140 PCS and 99 PPS officers have been proposed for allocation to the successor State of Uttaranchal by the State Advisory

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.